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CITIZEN BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS

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NOTICE - PER CAPITA PAYMENT - April 24, 1978 is the FINAL DEADLINE DATE FOR FILING APPLICATIONS for membership with the Citizen Band of Potawatomi Indians to share in the per capita distribution of the judgment funds awarded in Dockets 15-K, 29-J, 217, 15-M, 29-K and 146. Persons already enrolled DO NOT have to re-enroll. The amount of this per capita payment is estimated to be approximately \$200.00 to \$250.00.

All enrolled tribal members, BORN ON OR PRIOR TO, AND LIVING ON March 6, 1978 will be eligible to share in the distribution of these funds. Members who died before March 6, 1978 will not be eligible for a per capita share. The shares of enrolled members who died after March 6, 1978 will be probated as their estates.

Applications for persons NOT ALREADY ENROLLED must be received by the Tribal Administrative Office, Route 5, Box 151, Shawnee, OK 74801, no later than 5:00 p.m. April 24, 1978. Families are responsible for the enrollment of all newborn babies and other family members not already enrolled. Enrollment information can be obtained from the Tribal Administrative Office at the above address.

March 6, 1978, the enrollment eligibility date, is the effective date of the plan for the use and distribution of the Citizen Band of Potawatomi Indians' judgment funds established pursuant to the provisions of the Act of October 19, 1973 (87 Stat. 466, 467).

The per capita payment CANNOT be made immediately after April 24, 1978. Time must be allowed to process the last applications and the appeals resulting from any rejection.

The funds of the minors under 18 years of age on date of payment will be held in Individual Indian Money's Account (IIM) until the members become adults. As required by law, no disbursements, from either the principal or interest can be made for any purpose from this account until the account holder reaches the age of eighteen (18) years. When the account holder reaches his eighteenth (18th) birthday he can contact the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Shawnee Agency, and receive his share.

Per capita payment checks will be sent to the address shown on this publication. Any enrolled tribal member who is eighteen (18) years of age and older and did not receive this newsletter should forward their correct address to the Tribal Office, Route 5, Box 151, Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801., or call Beverly Hughes, (405) 275-3125.

OPEN BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING - There will be an open Business Committee Meeting Saturday April 8, 1978 at 10:00 a.m. Any interested tribal member is welcome to attend this meeting.

TRIBAL PROGRAMS - We feel that tribal members will be interested in some of the work that the administrative staff has been engaged in for the last several months.

This year we have developed a referral service for programs such as C.E.T.A., Indian Health Services, etc., which extend nationwide. Because of state and tribal regulations, most of the programs mentioned in this newsletter serve only those members residing within the old reservation area. Those tribal members residing outside of this area benefit in that the Potawatomi Tribe is able to maintain its tribal governing body and represent your interest as Indian people. Please feel free to contact us for information and referrals.

As soon as our per capita payment has been distributed, we anticipate the beginning of two new programs - The Scholarship Program, and The Prosthetic Device Program. These will be available to all tribal members, and we will have additional information in our next newsletter. The following is a list of programs and projects that the Potawatomi Administrative Office is involved in:

1. All programs operated during FY '77 were resubmitted and refunded with the exception of the Day Care Center, which we have continued to operate with the assistance of CETA funds.
2. The EDA Building Project which we submitted last August was approved and work has begun. This project will give us a larger council room and Day Care facilities for 50 children.
3. For the first time we used Adult Education funds, and seminars in Consumer Education were held. Our thanks to the three tribal members who helped with this project -- Naomi Baptiste, Jimmie Chisolm, and Anita Hill.
4. A document for farming our land was developed by Wallace Tyner with the Commercial Enterprises funds.
5. Administrative guidelines and procedures have been developed so that our per capita payment can be expedited.
6. A Trust Indenture has been submitted to the BIA for the Alloy Plant.
7. The efficiency in the operation of our Home Remodeling has increased dramatically, as evidenced by the fact that we have doubled the number of homes remodeled during the first quarter of FY '78.
8. The following proposals have been developed and submitted to the appropriate funding agencies:
 - A. A survey of the Adult Indian population in the old reservation area.
 - B. A Day Care Center for 50 children.
 - C. An after school program.
 - D. A Health Careers planning program.
 - E. A planning grant for the museum.
 - F. A project for the development of a curriculum guide.
9. The following contracts have been developed and submitted to the BIA, IHS, and CETA:
 - A. Contract for Management Seminar.
 - B. Contract for Training & Technical Assistance for procurement and property documents.
 - C. Contract for agricultural extension services.
 - D. Contract for employment for 12 high school students.
 - E. Contract for Historical Drama performance.
 - F. Contract for Potawatomi Cabinet Business.

DAY CARE CENTER - The Potawatomi Day Care Center has been moved to new quarters. The center is now located in the rock house just east of the Tribal Office. The building that once served as tribal offices has been redecorated to accommodate pre-school children. Parents interested in enrolling children at the center should call 273-5882, and speak with Mona Barrett, Director.

ARTS & CRAFTS - Arts and Crafts Classes are taught at the Potawatomi Tribal Heritage Center every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday night. These classes are held at 7 p.m. There is no cost for the instruction, and materials can be ordered through the directors, Betty Moelk and Buck Tasier.

ENVIRONMENTAL MAINTENANCE PROGRAM - All local area tribal members who need minor repairs on their homes, i.e., plumbing, water wells, septic systems, electrical, ceiling and wall insulation, and other small projects should be reminded of the Potawatomi Environmental Maintenance Program. This service is not free, but it does provide the above mentioned services at minimal cost, plus materials. Please contact - Environmental Health Department, 275-3121.

We will also be providing training classes in the spring to tribal members on subjects such as home repairs, septic systems, water wells, pest or rodent controls, and other interesting subjects. We will advertise in your local newspaper or you will be contacted by your tribal employee or CHR Representative.

YOUTH PROGRAMS - Several Work/Learn Programs are available to Potawatomi young people. One program gives young people (ages 16-19) the opportunity to work after school for 10 hours each week. Priority is given to low income families. A second after school program will begin in the Fall.

The summer program offers young people a chance to work 30 to 40 hours each week. Again, priority is given to low income families, but a few spaces will be available, regardless of income.

If you are interested or need more information concerning these programs, call the Tribal Office and ask for Annette Van Dusen.

POTAWATOMI PAGEANT/POW-WOW - Work has begun on the 1978 Potawatomi Historical Pageant to be presented in conjunction with the Potawatomi Pow Wow in June.

Those interested in working on the pageant are urged to call the Tribal Office.

We need people to help with costuming, set construction, prop detail, acting, make-up, and technical assistance.

If you can help, please call the Tribal Office - 405/275-3125 and ask for Judy Michener or Jean LaReau Miller.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: Will be meeting sometime in April. No date has been set. Tribal members who would like to learn some of their tribe's history are invited to attend.

FIFTH ANNUAL POTAWATOMI POW-WOW - The fifth annual Potawatomi Pow-Wow, sponsored by the Potawatomi Intertribal Pow-Wow Club, will take place at the Potawatomi grounds on June 24th and 25th. Each year since 1974 the pow-wow has been held in connection with the annual spring meeting of the Potawatomi, and each year more interest has been shown. This year's pow-wow promises to be the best yet, and, hopefully, will attract many from outside along with the many gathered for the meeting.

Gourd dancing will begin on Saturday afternoon and dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. Dancing will continue Saturday night till midnight. Rations will be given on Sunday morning to those who camped on the grounds; a prayer-service will take place at 12:15 and gourd dancing will begin again at 2:00. A special Turkey Dance will take place at 4:30. Following a break for all to prepare and eat their meals, social dancing will continue from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

The Potawatomi Intertribal Pow-Wow Club invites all to take part in the pow-wow. Ladies, bring your shawls!

If you plan to be present for the dinner on Saturday afternoon at 5:00, bring along a salad or a dessert. The Club will appreciate your help.

An outstanding staff has been contacted for this affair; your presence will indicate your appreciation for their efforts to make the Potawatomi Pow-Wow of 1978 a resounding success.

NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURAL EVENTS - 1978 - St. Gregory's College, with the co-operation from the United Tribes of the Shawnee Area, will be hosting "Native American Cultural Events - 1978" April 28 and 29.

A State-wide high school art contest and workshop will take place at St. Gregory's from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., Friday, April 28.

The crafts workshop, featuring artists and craftsmen selected by the tribal business committee will be held from 9:00 to 4:00 on Saturday, April 29. Educational crafts demonstrations and sales of art work, crafts, and fashions representative of local tribal groups will keep all occupied on the 29th.

A one-day pow-wow will begin with gourd dancing on the 29th in the afternoon. A dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m., and then dancing will continue until 11:00 p.m.

The United Tribes of Shawnee have shown great interest in these events and have helped plan for them. The staff for the pow-wow will represent members from each of these tribes: Absentee-Shawnee, Potawatomi, Iowa, Kickapoo, and Sac & Fox.

CHR PROGRAM - Tena Larney, Seminole Tribe, hired as the new CHR Director on January 11, 1978 replaces JoNell Negahnquet. Ms. Larney has worked in various health related areas at the urban level with tribal organizations and will be utilizing this experience to enhance the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian CHR Program.

CRITERIA FOR TRANSPORTATION - (Shawnee Service Unit Area)

I. Appointments:

1. Clients must make own appointments to the IHS Clinic between 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., except Thursday 12 noon - 7:30 p.m. CALL - (405) 275-0137.
2. CHR's will only transport if there is no other means of transportation and all calls will be screened carefully.
3. Clients should call CHR Office to arrange for transportation as soon as appointment is made from clinic between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. daily.

II. Emergency Drop-Ins:

1. The client must call Shawnee IHS clinic and talk to an IHS Physician or Physician's Assistant to determine whether or not the client can be seen before transportation can be provided to drop-in clients.
2. If not an emergency, the client must schedule an appointment with the Shawnee IHS Clinic Appointment Clerk first and notify the CHR Program of this information if transportation is needed.

III. Medication:

1. Over the counter medications such as creams, ointments, laxatives, lozenges, aspirin, cough syrup, and etc. can not be obtained for the client without first seeing the Doctor or the Physician's Assistant at the Shawnee IHS Clinic.
2. After the client calls the Shawnee IHS Physician to request that medication be released to the CHR, and once approval is given by that physician, medication will be picked up and delivered to the client ONLY IF client is without means of transportation.

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